

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF STORE ITEMS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the store items which are no longer useful for the purpose for which they were obtained by the consuming departments on Railways are called 'Scrap item' and such scrap material is disposed off by auction at throw away prices;
- (b) if so, whether the assessment of requirement of store items is not effected judiciously and items are purchased at whims and fancies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for declaring the store items useless; and
- (d) the steps taken not to purchase such store items in excess of their requirement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Material which are no longer useful are termed as scrap and include released unserviceable Permanent Way materials, Condemned rolling stock, unserviceable and obsolete materials of different kind which cannot be utilised after repair or renovation, empties, turning, boring, cut-offs, end of metal, sweeping, foundry ashes etc..

However, such Scrap items are sold at the best possible prevailing market rates through public auction/Tenders.

(b) No Sir. The assessment is done scientifically taking all possible factors on fluctuation in demands and then only the purchase is done for yearly requirements most judiciously.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.